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SUBJECT: PERMREPS LUNCH, DISCUSSION, FEBRUARY 26

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BEGIN SUMMARY: AT LUNCH FEB 26, SYG LUNS ANNOUNCED HE WAS SETTING A LATE APRIL DATE, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY FOR 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, SIGNATURE OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION, AND POSSIBLY AN ABBREVIATED NAC MINISTERIAL. FRENCH PERMREP CONFIDENTIAL

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SAID HE COULD NOT PARTICIPATE FREELY IN U.S. STRATEGIC RETARGETING CONSULTATIONS. PERMREPS AGREED THAT EC-9 OR OTHER MEETINGS SHOULD WORK AROUND FIRM MARCH 13 DATE FOR REINFORCED NAC. END SUMMARY.

25TH ANNIVERSARY, SIGNING DECLARATIONS AND SPRING NAC MINISTERIAL.

1. AT PERMREPS LUNCH FEB. 26, SYG LUNS REFERRED TO NATO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, SIGNING THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION, AND THE DATE OF THE SPRINGCOUNCIL MINISTERIAL. HE SAID FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, HE IS SETTING A TARGET PERIOD DURING THE LAST TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS OF APRIL, POSSIBLY AROUND THE 25TH. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF FACTORS BEARING ON TIMING, SUCH AS COMPLETION OF BOTH DECLARATIONS, LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN SIGNING THE DECLARATIONS, AMONG OTHERS, BUT NATO AND CAPITALS MUST BEGIN PLANNING.

2. LUNS SAID THESE EVENTS WOULD IN PRINCIPLE TAKE PLACE IN BRUSSELS. IF PRESIDENT NIXON CAME, ATTENDANCE BY THE OTHER ALLIES WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL.

3. SOME PERMREPS THOUGHT A NAC MINISTERIAL SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE; OTHERS FAVORED AN ABBREVIATED MINISTERIAL JUST BEFORE THE SIGNINGS AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, OTHERS FELT BOTH WOULD BE NEEDED. I DREW UPON STATE 33416 TO SUPPORT LUNS' INITIATIVE, EMPHASIZING THE POINT THAT CONCRETE PLANS WERE NECESSARILY CONTINGENT UPON COMPLETION OF THE DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTION OF QUESTIONS OF THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN SIGNING, BUT THAT WE AGREE WITH LUNS THAT PLANNING SHOULD GO FORWARD. BELGIAN PERMREP REMARKED THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION WAS PROGRESSING AND COULD BE FINISHED ON TIME AND THAT THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS WHETHER POMPIDOU WOULD COME, AND THE QUESTION BOILED DOWN TO WHETHER THE U.S. WOULD MAKE ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY CONTINGENT UPON POMPIDOU.

STRATEGIC RETARGETING CONSULTATIONS AND FRANCE

4. WHEN TURKISH PERMREP ERALP ASKED ABOUT FURTHER BRIEFINGS ON U.S. STRATEGIC RETARGETING, I RECALLED HAVING BRIEFED NDAC PERMREPS; THAT THE U.S. HAD ALSO MET WITH THE MILITARY COMMITTEE. CONFIDENTIAL

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I BELIEVED ADMIRAL MOORER PLANNED TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT AT THE MC CHIEFS OF STAFF MEETING IN MAY, AND I KNEW SCERETARY SCHLESINGER WAS PREPARED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AT THE DPC, NDAC, OR NPG MINISTERIALS AS LUNS AND COUNCIL DECIDED.

5. CANADIAN PERMREP MENZIES AGAIN SUGGESTED THAT FRANCE BE INCLUDED IN CONSULTATIONS. DE STAERCCKE RESPONDED FORCEFULLY THE THE OTHER ALLIES WOULD WELCOME FRENCH PARTICIPATION ON THE SAME GIVE-AND-TAKE BASIS AS THE FOURTEEN. DE STAERCCKE SAID MENZIES' SUGGESTION ONLY EMBARRASED DE ROSE, WHICH DE ROSE CONFIRMED BY SAYING THAT HE PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND STRATEGIC RETARGETING BRIEFINGS, BUT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO SPEAK.

REINFORCED NAC MEETING

6. UK PERMREP PECK REFERRED TO THE EC-9 MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 12 TO 13 TO FOLLOW-UP THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE, AND POINTED TO A POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH THE REINFORCED NAC MEETING MARCH 13. DE STAERCKE SAID NATO SHOULD KEEP ITS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE 13TH AND LET OTHERS WORK AROUND IT. FRG REP BOSS SAID BONN WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE NINE TO COMPRESS THEIR MEETING TO ONE DAY, THE 12TH. ALL AGREED TO STICK WITH THE 13TH FOR THE REINFORCED NAC.

MBFR COST-SHARING

7. ITALIAN PERMREP CATALANO RAISED THE QUESTION OF SHARING THE MBFR COSTS IN VIENNA, SAYING A LOWER SHARE WAS AN IMPORTANT POINT OF PRINCIPLE AND FINANCE FOR HIS GOVERNMENT. IF THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE DID NOT RESOLVE THE QUESTION SATISFACTORILY, CATALANO WOULD RAISE THE MATTER IN COUNCIL. DE STAERCKE WARNED CATALANO NOT TO RAISE THE ISSUE TO THE NAC.

LESSONS FOR NATO FROM THE 1973 MIDDLE EAST WAR

8. DE STAERCKE THANKED U.S. FOR THE FEB. 22 LETTER, DRAWN FROM JCS 4404 AND STATE 34204, ON RELEVANT LESSONS FOR NATO FROM THE 1973 MIDDLE EAST WAR. HE THOUGHT THIS AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT AND HOPED FOR A NY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THE QUESTION WAS RAISED AS TO WHETHER SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WOULD BE WILLING TO SPEAK FURTHER TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE SUBJECT AT THE SPRING DPC MINISTERIAL.
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